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# MULTIMEDIA UNIVERSITY

## FINAL EXAMINATION

TRIMESTER 3, 2016/2017

### EPM2036 – CONTROL THEORY (All Sections / Groups)

01 JUNE 2017  
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
(2 Hours)

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#### INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT

1. This Question paper consists of 5 pages including cover page with 4 Questions only.
2. Attempt **ALL** questions. All questions carry equal marks and the distribution of the marks for each question is given.
3. Please write all your answers in the answer booklet provided.

## Question 1

- (a) A control engineer, N.Minorsky, designed an innovative ship steering system in 1930's for the U.S. Navy. The system is represented by the block diagram shown in Fig. Q1 (a), where  $Y(s)$  is the ship's course and  $R(s)$  is the desired course.
- (i) Determine the transfer function  $Y(s)/R(s)$ , using block diagram reduction technique.
- (ii) Draw the signal flow graph.

[12 + 3 marks]

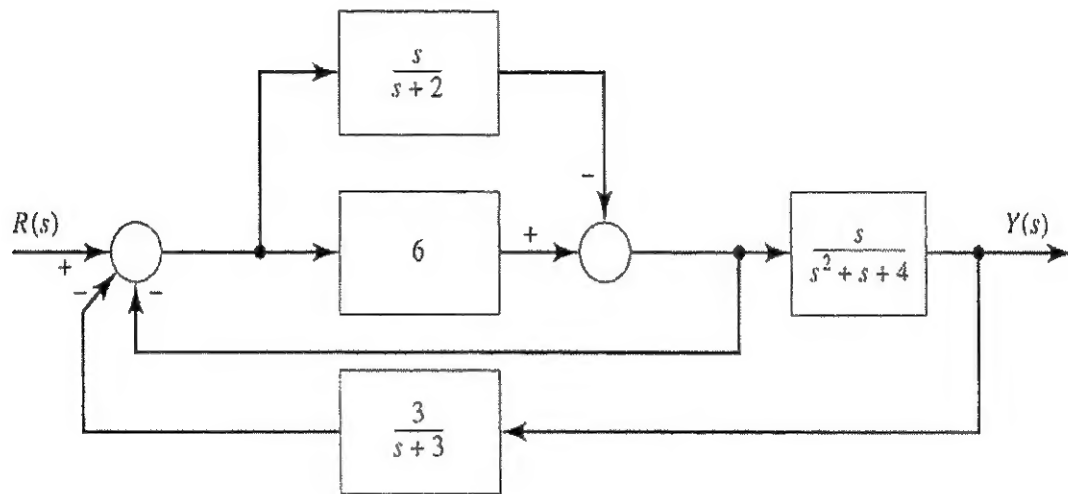


Fig. Q1 (a)

- (b) Determine the transfer function of  $G(s) = \theta_2(s)/T_1(s)$  for the mechanical system shown in Fig. Q1 (b). (Hints: assume zero initial condition)

[10 marks]

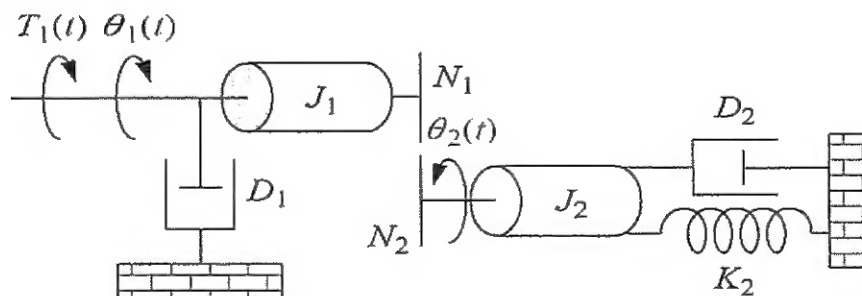


Fig. Q1 (b)

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**Question 2**

- (a) Given the forward-path transfer function of a unity feedback system

$$G(s) = \frac{50}{s(s+10)}$$

For the unit step response of the system, determine the natural frequency, damping ratio and settling time for 2% error.

[6 marks]

- (b) Given the forward-path transfer function of a unity feedback system

$$G(s) = \frac{81}{s(s+K)}$$

- (i) Determine the value of  $K$ , if the unit step response of the system is critically damped.

[5 marks]

- (ii) If  $K=18$  determine the position constant  $K_p$  velocity constant  $K_v$  and acceleration constant  $K_a$ .

[6 marks]

- (c) Consider the characteristic equation of a LTI system.

$$F(s) = s^4 + s^3 - 5s^2 + 2s + 6 = 0$$

- (i) Determine the stability of the system using Routh Hurwitz criteria.  
(ii) Determine the number of roots in the right-half of  $s$ -plane.

[6+2 marks]

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**Question 3**

(a) A negative unity feedback system has a forward path transfer function  $G(s)$  given by

$$G(s) = \frac{K(s+5)}{s(s^3 + 4s^2 + 6s + 4)}$$

For the root locus plot, determine the following:

(i) Starting and ending points of all branches

[2 marks]

(ii) Imaginary axis crossing points and the corresponding  $K$  value

[5 marks]

(b) Consider the feedback control system shown in Fig. Q3 (b).

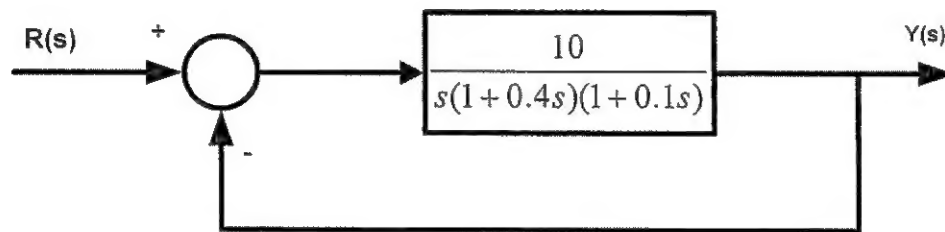


Fig. Q3 (b)

Plot the *Bode* magnitude plot of  $G(s)$  in the semi-log paper.

[18 marks]

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**Question 4**

- (a) Show how a Proportional-Derivative (PD) controller can be realized with only two op-amps.

[5 marks]

- (b) A process has a transfer function  $G_p(s) = \frac{1}{s+5}$ . The process is to be controlled in closed-loop using a Proportional-Integral (PI) controller. Design the controller such that the steady-state error in response to a ramp input is 10% of the magnitude of the ramp. The closed-loop zero should be placed at  $-10$ .

[10 marks]

- (c) A particular system has a forward path transfer function:

$$G(s) = \frac{5}{(s+1) \cdot (s+2)}$$

A Proportional-Integral (PI) controller is applied to control the system  $G(s)$ . Find the range of values of the integral constant (relative to the proportional constant) in order for the closed-loop system to be stable.

[10 marks]

**End of Paper**